

£5m Lottery support for recession hit Scottish families

INTRODUCTION

Families in Scotland are to benefit from £5million in new funding from the Big Lottery Fund. The funds are intended to help families cope, stabilise their lives and recover from the impact of the economic downturn. The funds are available to current grant holders in Scotland who are already working with people and communities most in need due to the recession.

Key Facts

£5million new funding

For groups already working with people and communities worst hit by the recession.

Deadline 18th December 2009

Only current grantholders can apply.

ACTIVITIES

The investment will target a number of areas including projects that provide:

- Support for families with a newly unemployed member
- Family mediation
- Advice and counselling services that enable families to cope with changes in their circumstances and prevent further disruptive changes, including advice on income maximisation
- Tenancy support projects, including those that might be developed to include access to financial inclusion and capability services

- Support to families affected by alcohol or substance misuse
- Practical assistance such as affordable furniture and children's clothing
- Parenting support, especially for vulnerable families or families with specific needs such as lone parents and carers

The Big Lottery Fund will consider revenue, capital and overheads under the scheme. However, costs applied for must be directly linked to providing support for families affected by the recession.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The recession funding package is available to current Life Transition, Supporting 21st Century Living, Growing Community Assets, Young People's Fund and Primetime grantholders with projects that are **not** due to end before March 2010.

DEADLINES

Eligible groups have until **18th December 2009** to apply for increased funding.

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